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MEETING, FEBRUARY 3-4

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(C)STATE 281286 (DATED 12/24/74),

(D) GEWECKE/HARDING TELCON, (E) OECD 2314

1. PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR MARCH 4-5 TRADE COMMITTEE (TC)

REPORTED REFTEL (A) IS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE. HOWEVER, ITS

LENGTH SEEMS SOMEWHAT IMPOSING AND COULD PRECLUDE THE KIND

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OF IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ON HIGH

PRIORITY ISSUES SUCH AS EXPORT RESTRICTIONS AND PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONALLY TRADED COMMODITIES. MISSION SHOULD THEREFORE EXPLORE WITH SECRETARIAT AND OTHER DELEGATIONS POSSIBILITY OF SHORTENING AGENDA. WE WOULD SUGGEST DROPPING INTERNAL POLICIES AND NEW ZEALAND TRADE POLICY REVIEW. NEITHER OF THESE ITEMS HAS RECEIVED FORMAL CONSIDERATION AT WORKING PARTY LEVEL SINCE LAST TC.

2. WE ASSUME REFTEL (A) NOT INTENDED TO ADDRESS AGENDA FOR INFORMAL TC DISCUSSIONS. IT IS OUR TENTATIVE UNDERSTANDING THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL INCLUDE REVIEW OF OPERATION OF OECD TRADE PLEDGE AND PROBLEMS IN EAST-WEST TRADE (SEE REFTELS B AND C). HOWEVER, WE REMAIN FLEXIBLE AT THIS TIME RE FOCUS OF INFORMAL TALKS. WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION'S VIEWS ON EXPECTED TREATMENT OF ISSUES UNDER BOTH FORMAL AND INFORMAL AGENDA.

3. RE ELECTION OF OFFICERS WE CAN ACCEPT PROPOSED SLATE NOTED GEWECKE/HARDING TELCON (I.E., HERMES, TC CHAIRMAN; LANGUETIN AND MIYAZKI, VICE CHAIRMEN; AND JEFFERY HALL, TCWP VICE CHAIRMAN).

4. LATEST SECRETARIAT DOCUMENTATION ON EXPORT RESTRICTIONS (REFTEL E) NOT YET RECEIVED. WASHINGTON AGENCIES THEREFORE UNABLE TO PROVIDE NEW GUIDANCE REGARDING USG POSITION ON OPTIONS OR ON NECESSITY OR DESIRABILITY OF FURTHER ANALYTICAL WORK. MISSION MAY DRAW ON PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS, AS APPROPRIATE. KISSINGER

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